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1. [redacted] rented a three-room house, included a kitchen and two bedrooms. The house was not equipped with gas; cooking was on a coal stove. Attached to the house was a garden and orchard of about 600 sq. m. The following lists the household expenses:

Item	Cost per Month
Rent	34 zl.
Electricity (25 watt bulbs)	25 zl.
Water	12 zl.
Tenant Tax	7.50 zl.
Dog tax	1 zl.
Orchard tax	37.66 zl.

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Each fruit tree was taxed; [redacted] the tax varied according to the type. For an apple tree [redacted] planted in 1946, they paid a tax of 12 zl. per year.

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2. The total income of [redacted] family was 2,650 zl. per month. [redacted] a baker, earned 1,300 zl. per month; [redacted] a clerk in a railroad office, earned 700 zl. per month; [redacted] earned 650 z per month as a helper on a state-owned food delivery truck. One hundred twenty zlotys of [redacted] salary was for [redacted] dependent, as was 30 zl. for each of [redacted].

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3. The greatest percentage of the monthly income, about 85%, was spent on food. At the end of almost every month, [redacted] had to borrow about 300 zl. from the bakery in order to help pay expenses.

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4. Rationing of all items was abolished in January 1953. think of any commodities which were in short supply, but the prices of some were so prohibitive that one could not buy enough of anything—particularly food. After rationing was removed, prices of all items increased. Pork, for example, which was 22 zl. per kg. during rationing went up to 34 zl.; bread was 6 zl. before, and 8 zl. after; sugar was 7.50 zl. before, and 15 zl. after. Coal which had been 150 zl. per tn. during rationing, rose to 350 zl. per tn.
5. The prices listed below are approximate prices that prevailed in the towns of Elk /5350N-2221E/ and Krzyz Wielko-Polski

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>
Food:	Sugar	1 kg.	15 zl.
	Pork	1 kg.	34 zl.
	Beef	1 kg.	32 zl.
	(before January 1953 18 zl.)		
	Salt pork	1 kg.	25 zl.
	Sausage	1 kg.	28 - 60 zl.
	(before January 1953 18 zl.)		
	Milk	1 l.	2.50 zl.
	White bread	1 kg.	4 zl.
	Rye bread	1 kg.	3 zl.
	Potatoes	1 kg.	1.20 zl.
	Eggs	1	2.50 zl.
	Chicken	1	70 zl. (average)
	White flour	1 kg.	3.50 zl.
	Butter	1 kg.	40 zl.
	Lard	1 kg.	35 zl.
	Beef fat	1 kg.	40 zl.
	Restaurant meal	1	25 zl.
	(before January 1953 12 - 14 zl.)		
	Snack (in a milk bar) consisting of 1/2 l. of milk and 2 rolls.	1	8 zl.
(before January 1953 4 zl.)			

Wearing Apparel:

Man's shoes (Oxfords)	pr.	150 - 700 zl.
Man's shoes (High top)	pr.	190 - 750 zl.
Man's boots	pr.	900 - 2,000 zl.
Woman's shoes	pr.	120 - 700 zl.
Woman's stockings (nylon)	pr.	210 zl.
Woman's stockings (cotton)	pr.	60 - 80 zl.
Man's socks	pr.	7.50 - 60 zl.
Man's trousers (medium quality)	pr.	600 zl.
Man's trousers (poor quality)	pr.	250 - 300 zl.
Man's jacket (medium quality)	1	750 zl.
Woman's winter coat (rabbit-lined)	1	1,500 - 2,500 zl.
Woman's winter coat (medium quality)	1	500 - 600 zl.
Man's overcoat	1	950 - 1,500 zl.
Man's shirt	1	50 - 250 zl.
Man's undershirt (medium quality)	1	30 zl.
Man's undershorts (medium quality)	1	25 - 35 zl.
Man's suit (ready made, high quality, 60% wool)	1	650 - 1,500 zl.

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>
	Man's suit (custom made, gabardine)	1	4,500 zl.
	Woman's blouse	1	150 - 350 zl.
	Woman's dress	1	250 - 500 zl.
	Man's leather gloves	pr.	170 - 190 zl.
	Man's wool gloves	pr.	70 - 80 zl.
	Overalls	1 suit	150 zl.
	Gabardine material (for man's suit)	1 m.	600 zl.
	Material (60% wool, high quality for man's suit)	1 m.	300 - 350 zl.
	Material (60% wool medium quality for man's suit)	1 m.	200 - 250 zl.
	Material (high quality silk for dresses)	1 m.	250 zl.
	Material (cotton for dresses)	1 m.	80 - 90 zl.
	Yarn (100% wool)	1 kg.	400 zl.
Miscellaneous			
	Cigarettes (high quality)	1 package (25)	13.30 zl.
	Cigarettes (low quality)	1 package (20)	3.40 zl.
	Matches	1 box (40)	25 grosz.
	Laundry soap	1 kg.	14 zl.
	Bath soap	1 bar	7 zl.
	Spirits	1 l.	160 zl.
	Vodka (best quality)	1 l.	200 zl.
	Vodka (inferior brand)	1 l.	68 zl.
	Beer	1 l.	2 zl.
	Coffee (ersatz)	1 kg.	2.50 zl.
	Coal	1 tn.	350 zl.
	Gas (for 1 month; doing very little cooking)		35 zl.
	Electricity (1 100- watt bulb; per month)		25 zl.
	Streetcar fare	1	45 grosz.
	Watches	1	750 - 3,000 zl.
	Bicycle	1	1,200 zl.
	Radio (Pioneer brand made in Poland)	1	950 zl.
	Radio (Mazur brand made in Poland)	1	1,480 zl.
	Radio (Super brand made in Czechos- lovakia)	1	2,500 zl.
	Camera (Kodak)	1	3,000 zl.
	Film	1 roll	9.50 zl.
	Toothbrush	1	15 zl.
	Shaving soap (1 month's supply)		4.50 - 6.00 zl.
	Razor blades	10	6 zl.
	Movie ticket	1	2.10 - 3.40 zl.

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Furniture (painted pine):			
	Wardrobe (2 doors)	1	950 - 2,500 z1.
	Kitchen or dining room table	1	350 z1.
	Wooden chair (lightly-upholstered seat)	1	150 z1.
	Double bed	1	750 - 1,000 z1.
Furniture (veneer):			
	Wardrobe	1	1,500 - 3,000 z1.
	Table	1	700 - 1,400 z1.
	Chair	1	350 - 500 z1.
	Double bed	1	1,000 - 1,200 z1.

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